

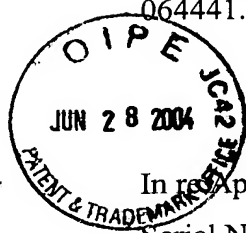
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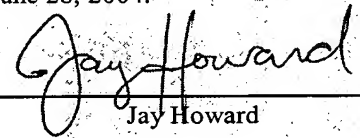
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Joseph Stephen Gordon et al.
Serial No.: 10/072,204
Filing Date: February 7, 2002
Group Art Unit: 1756
Examiner: Mohadmedulla, Saleha R.
Notice of Allowance Mailed: March 16, 2004
Confirmation No.: 3518
Issue Fee Paid: June 2, 2004
Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
COUPLING A PELLICLE TO A
PHOTOMASK USING A NON-DISTORTING
MECHANISM**

PROJECTED ISSUE DATE: UNKNOWN
PATENT NO. UNASSIGNED

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

I hereby certify that this Information Disclosure Statement is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail : EV351291985US addressed to: Mail Stop - Office of Petitions, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on June 28, 2004.

Jay Howard

Dear Sir:

PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2)

Applicants hereby petition for the withdrawal of this application from issue in order that the Request for Continued Prosecution (RCE) being filed concurrently with this Petition be considered.

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PATENT NOTIFICATION

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The Issue Fee was paid for this case on June 4, 2004. Applicants acknowledge that the Issue Fee paid on June 4, 2004 is not refundable. However, if the application is again allowed, Applicants request that it be applied towards the Issue Fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.

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REASONS FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

Applicants request that the application be withdrawn from issue to permit the filing of a Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently with the Petition and consideration of references in the Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 also being filed herewith.

PETITION FEES


Applicants enclose a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the Petition fee and \$770.00 for the RCE Fee as Applicants are a large entity. Applicants request that any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2581.

Respectfully submitted,

BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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Date: June 28, 2004

Attached: Request for Continued Examination
Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 (w/ copies of References)